

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-25 (Canceled).

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A recording medium disc storage case in combination with a disc having a central hole comprising:  
  
a holding plate for covering a side of said disc, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc and at least two mold apertures extending through a thickness of said holding plate and being located along upper and lower edges of said holding plate; and  
  
a cover member pivotally supported on said holding plate through a hinge portion configured to open and close said storage case,  
  
wherein said holding portion comprises having a top surface which defines a clearance from said cover member of less than a thickness dimension of said disc when said cover member is in a closed position.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 26, wherein said storage case has a thickness of not greater than 6 mm when said cover member is closed over the holding plate.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A recording medium disc storage case in combination with a disc having a central hole comprising:  
  
a holding plate for covering a side of said disc, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc; and

a cover member pivotally supported on said holding plate through a hinge portion configured to open and close said storage case,  
wherein said holding portion having a top surface which defines a clearance from said cover member of less than a thickness dimension of said disc when said cover member is in a closed position, and ~~The recording medium disc storage case of claim 26, wherein said~~  
holding plate and said cover member have respective abutting portions which abut each other when said cover member is opened 180° relative to said holding plate to maintain the open condition and which are configured to allow said holding plate and cover member to further pivot relative to each other when a force is exerted to open said cover member further from said 180° open condition.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 26, wherein said cover member is larger than said holding plate so as to cover said holding plate completely, and ~~wherein~~ a hinge member is located exclusively at opposite side portions of said cover member to pivotally hinge said cover member to said holding plate.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 26, wherein said cover member ~~forms~~ comprises opposed side walls of said storage case, each of said side walls comprises ~~each~~ having at least two label holding claw projecting therefrom, and said cover member ~~defining~~ defines a communication aperture extending through the thickness thereof to open the label holding claws.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): A recording medium disc storage case, comprising:

a holding plate configured to cover a side of a recording medium disc having a central hole, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc; and

a cover member pivotally supported on said holding plate through a hinge portion for opening and closing said storage case, wherein

said storage case ~~having~~ has a thickness of not greater than 6 mm when said cover member is closed over the holding plate.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): A recording medium disc storage case as set forth in claim 31, wherein said holding portion has a top surface which abuts an inner surface of said cover member or ~~defining~~ defines a clearance less than said thickness of said disc therebetween when said cover member is closed over said holding plate.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 31, wherein said holding plate and said cover member ~~have~~ comprise respective abutting portions which abut each other when said cover member is opened 180° relative to said holding plate to maintain the open condition and which are configured to allow said holding plate and cover member to further pivot relative to each other when a force is exerted to open said cover member further from said 180° open condition.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 31, wherein said cover member is larger than said holding plate so as to cover said holding plate completely and wherein a hinge member is located exclusively at opposite side portions of said cover member to pivotally hinge said cover member to said holding plate.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 31, wherein said cover member forming comprises opposed peripheral walls of said storage case, each of said peripheral walls each having comprises at least two label holding claw projecting therefrom from a peripheral walls of said cover member, and said cover member defining comprises communication aperture extending through the a thickness thereof to open the label holding claws.

Claim 36 (Currently Amended): A recording medium disc storage case as set forth in claim 31, wherein said holding plate is formed with a peripheral wall centrally split by a predetermined spacing[[,] and a central indentation at the location where the peripheral wall is split[;]], and wherein said cover member is formed with a peripheral wall having a central portion being adapted to fit the central indentation of the holding plate when the cover member is in its closed position.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): A recording medium disc storage case comprising:  
a holding plate for covering a side of a recording medium disc having a central hole, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc[,]; and

a cover member pivotally supported on said holding plate through a hinge portion for opening and closing said storage case, wherein said holding plate and said cover member having comprise respective abutting portions which directly abut each other when said cover member is opened 180° relative to said holding plate to maintain the open condition and which are configured to allow said holding plate and cover member to further pivot relative to each other when a force is exerted to open said cover member further from said 180° open condition.

Claim 38 (Currently Amended) A recording medium disc storage case comprising:  
a holding plate for covering a side of a recording medium disc having a central hole,  
said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of  
said disc[,]; **and**  
a cover member pivotally supported on said holding plate; and  
a hinge portion pivotally interconnecting said holding plate and said cover for opening  
and closing said storage case,  
wherein said cover member is larger than said holding plate so as to cover the top  
surface of said holding plate completely, ~~and wherein~~ a hinge member is located exclusively  
at opposite side portions of said cover member to pivotally hinge said cover member to said  
holding plate, and a communication aperture to open a label holding claw is provided on said  
cover member extending through a thickness of said cover member.

Claim 39 (Currently Amended) A recording medium disc storage case, comprising:  
a holding plate configured to cover a side of a recording medium disc having a central  
hole, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole  
of said disc; and  
a cover member pivotally supported on said holding plate through a hinge portion for  
opening and closing said storage case,  
wherein said cover member forming is configured to form opposed side walls of said  
storage case, said side walls comprise each having at least two label holding claw projecting  
therefrom, and said cover member comprises defining a communication aperture extending  
through the thickness thereof to open the label holding claws.

Claim 40 (Currently Amended): A recording medium disc storage case, comprising:  
a holding plate for covering a side of a recording medium disc having a central hole,  
said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of  
said disc; and

a cover member formed separately from said holding plate and pivotally supported on  
said holding plate through a hinge portion,

wherein ~~the~~ a thickness between a rear surface of said holding plate and a top surface  
of said holding portion is not greater than 4 mm.

Claim 41 (Currently Amended): A recording medium disc storage case as set forth in  
claim 40, wherein said holding portion has a top surface which abuts an inner surface of said  
cover member [[or]] defining a clearance less than said thickness of said disc therebetween  
when said cover member is closed over said holding plate.

Claim 42 (Currently Amended): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 40,  
wherein said holding plate and said cover member ~~having~~ comprise respective abutting  
portions which abut each other when said cover member is opened 180° relative to said  
holding plate to maintain the open condition and which are configured to allow said holding  
plate and cover member to further pivot relative to each other when a force is exerted to open  
said cover member further from said 180° open condition.

Claim 43 (Currently Amended): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 40,  
wherein said cover member is larger than said holding plate so as to cover said holding plate  
completely and ~~wherein~~ a hinge member is located exclusively at opposite side portions of  
said cover member to pivotally hinge said cover member to said holding plate.

Claim 44 (Currently Amended): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 40, wherein said cover member forming comprises opposed peripheral walls of said storage case, each of said peripheral walls each having comprises at least two label holding claw projecting from a peripheral wall of said cover member, and said cover member defining comprises a communication aperture extending through the thickness thereof to open the label holding claws.

Claim 45 (Currently Amended): A recording medium disc storage case, comprising:  
a holding plate configured to cover a side of a recording medium disc having a central hole, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc; and

a cover member pivotally supported on said holding plate through a hinge portion for opening and closing said storage case, wherein said storage case having has a thickness of 5.2 mm when said cover member is closed over the holding plate.

Claim 46 (Currently Amended): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 45, wherein said holding portion has a top surface which abuts an inner surface of said cover member [[or]] defining a clearance less than said a thickness of said disc therebetween when said cover member is closed over said holding plate.

Claim 47 (Currently Amended): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 45, wherein said holding plate and said cover member have comprise respective abutting portions which abut each other when said cover member is opened 180° relative to said holding plate to maintain the open condition and which are configured to allow said holding plate and

cover member to further pivot relative to each other when a force is exerted to open said cover member further from said 180° open condition.

Claim 48 (Currently Amended): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 45, wherein said cover member is larger than said holding plate so as to cover said holding plate completely, and ~~wherein~~ a hinge member is located exclusively at opposite side portions of said cover member to pivotally hinge said cover member to said holding plate.

Claim 49 (Currently Amended): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 45, wherein said cover member ~~forming~~ comprises opposed peripheral walls of said storage case, each of said peripheral walls ~~each having~~ comprises at least two label holding claw projecting from a peripheral wall of said cover member, and said cover member ~~defining~~ defines communication aperture extending through the thickness thereof to open the label holding claws.

Claim 50 (Currently Amended): A recording medium disc storage case comprising:  
a holding plate for covering a side of a recording medium disc having a central hole, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc[,];  
a cover member pivotally supported on said holding plate[,]; and  
a hinge portion pivotally interconnecting said holding plate and said cover for opening and closing said storage case[;]  
~~and, wherein said holding plate is formed with a central indentation at a central portion of each of upper and lower edges of said holding plate thereof,~~  
said cover member is formed with a central portion of a peripheral wall being adapted to fit the central indentation of said holding plate when the cover member is in its closed position,

and the central portion of said cover member has a height equivalent to the thickness of the case.

Claim 51 (Currently Amended): A recording medium disc storage case, comprising:  
a holding plate;  
a cover member; and  
a hinge portion provided on one end side of each of said holding plate and cover member for pivotally connecting the holding plate and a cover member for opening and closing the storage case, wherein

the holding plate is being provided in a substantially central area thereof with a holding portion to be fitted into a central hole of a recording medium disc,

the holding plate and the cover member are being configured to cover opposite sides of said disc in a storing position,

the holding plate is being formed with a central indentation inwardly stepped from each of an upper edge and a lower edges edge of said holding plate thereof in a central position of each of the edges,

the cover member is being formed with a central portion to be fitted with the central indentation of said holding plate, the central portion of said cover member having a height defining a thickness of the case,

the cover member is begin formed with peripheral walls on opposite sides of the central portion, each of the peripheral walls formed with a label holding claw inwardly projecting therefrom, and

the holding plate comprises including peripheral walls on opposite sides of the central indentation, each of the peripheral walls being formed with a first and second step portion

portions inwardly stepped therefrom, said second step portion being configured to receive for receiving a each of the label holding claws claw.

Claim 52 (Currently Amended): A recording disc storage case as set forth in claim 51, wherein the storage case has a thickness [[of]] not greater than 6 mm when the cover member is closed over the holding plate.

Claim 53 (Currently Amended): A recording medium disc storage case as set forth in claim 51, wherein the cover member further comprises a communication aperture extending through the thickness thereof to expose a label holding claw.